

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 138, I was detained off the House floor during this 2 minute vote series and was unable to cast my vote before the vote was closed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote 598 on July 15, 2011, leaving me unable to cast my official vote in opposition. If I were present at the time of the vote, I would have cast a "nay" vote because we cannot continue to waste taxpayer money and should not continue to try and substitute government for the role of parents in children's lives. I am pleased that Congress was able to act on this amendment and I look to the Senate for its expedited review and hope that the President will subsequently sign into law H.R. 2354, in which the amendment is contained. Our families deserve the prudent fiscal allocation of taxpayer money.

HONORING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND SOCCER TEAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a remarkable team from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District who, last month, proved that practice, perseverance, and teamwork can lead to victory. On July 2, Team USA, consisting entirely of athletes from St. Mary's County, Maryland, defeated Spain in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer

Games Men's Soccer Championship match in Athens, Greece. They are the first U.S. team to bring home the gold in this event.

In a come-from-behind win, Team USA emerged triumphant over the Spanish team with a 2–1 victory. Avery Long, who had never touched a soccer ball before this year, scored both the tying and winning goals. On the first, he was assisted by team member Larry Mills. With only two goals scored against him in the entire tournament, goalie Alan Hill can take great pride in being the most successful goalie in the 2011 games. TEAM USA was rounded out by Sam Huffman, Steven Summerfelt, Wesley Thompson, Sack Hall, Terrel Nowlin, Thomas Smith, and Shaun Ridley. All of these men can take great pride in the culmination of their hard work and dedication.

So, too, can the team's leadership and coaching staff—Director Mary Lu Bucci, Head Coach John Toner, Assistant Coach Ken Cohen, and Manager Minter Willis. Together they have a combined total of 74 years of experience with Special Olympics in Southern Maryland.

I also want to pay tribute to the 7 additional members of Special Olympics Maryland who traveled to Athens to be among the 7,500 athletes from 185 countries to participate in the 2011 World Summer Games. They are: Syd Lea (Cycling), Randi Penebugh (Powerlifting), James Purnell (Kayaking), Samantha DiSanti (Kayaking), Zachary Poston (Swimming), and James Dietrich and his Unified Partner, Robert Battista (Sailing).

In all, Team Maryland achieved tremendous success, winning a total of ten medals—8 of which were gold. I want to congratulate them on their impressive achievements and I ask that all Americans join with me in applauding these outstanding individuals who have brought great pride to our nation.

RECOGNITION OF ASIWPCCA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, ASIWPCCA, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

ASIWPCCA is an independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state and interstate water program directors, who everyday works on implementing water quality programs under the Clean Water Act, CWA. Founded in 1961, ASIWPCCA was created by the states, to serve the states, and is the only nationally recognized organization completely led by state water directors. After five decades the ASIWPCCA continues to protect and restore America's watersheds to achieve "clean water everywhere for everyone."

Long before the enactment of the Clean Water Act, state and interstate professionals—including those from my own State—were working together through ASIWPCCA to protect and improve water quality across America. In addition to serving as a liaison among these officials, ASIWPCCA facilitates state communication with the federal government and promotes public education. ASIWPCCA has built credible collaborative relationships with Congress, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Geological Survey, and the United States Department of Agriculture. ASIWPCCA is a key contributor in the legislative, regulatory, and policy arenas. When the federal government collaborates with states through ASIWPCCA, better regulations are drafted, superior policy is created, and the public is better served.

As the chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I can attest to the fact that ASIWPCCA has met and exceeded the goals its founders established 50 years ago. In the future, we look to ASIWPCCA to continue their work to help states develop and implement sound water quality policies that advance clean water and a healthy environment. This benefits all Americans, including those in my home State of Florida.

Mr. Speaker, in light of ASIWPCCA's state membership, national leadership on water quality issues, mission to serve the public, state government representation, and proven track record and collaboration efforts, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate ASIWPCCA on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has relied on ASIWPCCA's assistance and expertise for decades and will undoubtedly continue to do so as we seek to protect and restore our Nation's waters in the future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 20

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine building American transportation infrastructure through innovative funding.

SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine access to capital, focusing on fostering job creation and innovation through high-growth startups.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals, part II.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 598, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, focusing on assessing the impact of the Defense of Marriage Act on American families.

SH-216

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Yellowstone River oil spill.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine providing legal services by members of the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine looking to the future, focusing on, lessons in prevention, response, and restoration from the Gulf oil spill.

SR-253

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine counter-narcotics efforts in Afghanistan, focusing on future counternarcotics efforts in the country as United States troop levels are reduced in the coming years.

SD-562

JULY 21

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-G50

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine enhanced oversight after the financial crisis, focusing on the "Wall Street Reform Act" at one year.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine legislative issues for transportation reauthorization.

SD-406

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 657, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, and the nominations of

Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bisssoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Clayton D. Johnson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Department of State.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine improving for-profit higher education, focusing on a roundtable discussion of policy solutions.

Room to be announced

Aging

To hold hearings to examine reducing drug costs to Medicare.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine making our roads safer, focusing on reauthorization of the Motor Carrier Safety Programs.

SR-253

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine minority at risk, focusing on Coptic Christian in Egypt and renewed concerns over reports of disappearance, forced conversions and forced marriages of Coptic Christian women and girls.

210, Cannon Building

JULY 26

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Federal workers' compensation.

SD-342